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1. POST DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN CONCEPT DESCRIBED STATE REFTL FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY PROGRAM AND ENVISIONS POSSIBILITIES FOR TYING-INTO BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS. WE ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT SUBJECT PROGRAM DURING NOVEMBER PRIOR THANKSGIVING BUT WOULD PREFER LONGER LEAD-TIME OF POSSIBLE.

2. WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT PROGRAMMING OF THIS SORT WILL BE EASY. IN PREPARATION, POST HAS DRAFTED FOR CONSIDERATION A LIST OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS DRAWN FROM WIDE SPECTRUM OF BUCHAREST INTELLIGENTSIA INCLUDING HISTORIANS, JOURNALISTS, AND GENERALISTS FROM ACADEMIC FIELD; DURING OUR CONTACTS OVER COURSE OF NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, WE WILL RAISE CONCEPT AND ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE INTEREST.

3. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE U.S.
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SPECIALISTS FOR PROGRAM AS CITED REFTL ARE SUITABLE FOR PRO-

GRAMMING HERE SINCE THEY ARE OF THE STATURE REQUIRED TO ATTRACT HIGH LEVEL AUDIENCES. WE ARE DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT PROGRAMS OFF-PREMISES AMERICAN LIBRARY WILL BE GREETED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM BY ROMANIAN INSTITUTIONS DUE TO FINE FOCUS ON THEME OF PRIMARILY AMERICAN INTEREST. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD ROUND-TABLE AT SPECIALIZED INSTITUTES OF HISTORY OR ECONOMICS.

4. POST ENCOURAGES DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER CANDIDATE WHO IS ALSO ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR AUDIENCES REGARDING ROLE OF PRESS IN POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. IN POST VIEW, THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE PUZZLING ASPECTS OF "THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM" TO POTENTIAL AUDIENCES HERE AND WE WOULD CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT IN OUR CONSIDERATION OF SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

5. GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANT AUDIENCE HERE FOR ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY WE BELIEVE PROGRAM ALSO OUGHT TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS INTO HOW THE AMERICAN SYSTEM HAS BROUGHT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTO ROLES IN THESE FIELDS LITTLE DREAMED OF BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS. THE IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY RELEVANT THEME FOR DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS.

6. ADVISE WHEN DECISION FIRM.
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